

In the claims:

Please amend claims 1, 2, 8, 14, 15 and 23-26, cancel claims 3, 10, 13, and 27-29, and add new claim 30. The status of the claims is as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A rod hanger for attachment with a fastener to a substrate, the rod hanger for securing a rod to athe substrate, comprising:

a mounting portion defining a perimeter edge, having generally planar top and bottom surfaces, said generally planar top surface configured for engaging the substrate and having a hole extending between said top and bottom surfaces configured for engaging athe fastener;

a rod receiving portion configured for threadably receiving the rod;

a connecting element configured for vertically displacing said mounting portion and said rod receiving portion; and

~~a plurality of~~at least four anti-rotation elements on said mounting portion generally planar top surface spaced apart from said hole ~~and, spaced apart from said perimeter edge and~~ configured for engaging the substrate and for counteracting a moment acting upon said rod hanger as the rod is threadably received by said rod receiving portion.

2. (Currently Amended) The rod hanger of claim 1, wherein ~~at least one of said mounting portion and said rod receiving portion defines~~ a generally planar shape.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Canceled)

5. (Withdrawn) The rod hanger of claim 1, further including a fastener associated with said mounting portion and dimensioned to extend through said hole in said mounting portion, said fastener including a pin end connected to a shank portion and a head.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Withdrawn) The rod hanger of claim 5, wherein said fastener further includes a fluted member and a guard member.

8. (Currently Amended) The rod hanger of claim 1, wherein said rod receiving portion ~~includes a top surface, a bottom surface and a hole configured for threadably engaging the rod~~ includes a lip formation disposed about said hole and configured to threadably engage the rod.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Canceled)

11. (Withdrawn) The rod hanger of claim 1, wherein said connecting element includes at least one coined impression at a juncture defined by said connecting element and said rod receiving portion and at least one coined impression at a juncture defined by said connecting element and said mounting portion.

12. (Original) The rod hanger of claim 1, wherein said rod hanger defines a unitary body with a generally uniform thickness.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) The rod hanger of claim ~~13~~1, wherein said at least ~~one~~four anti-rotation elements ~~has~~have a generally hemisphered shape.

15. (Currently Amended) The rod hanger of claim ~~13~~1, wherein said at least ~~one~~four anti-rotation elements ~~is~~are provided in a generally truncated hollow cone shape.

16. (Withdrawn) The rod hanger of claim 13, wherein said at least one anti-rotation element is configured in a generally rectangular shape with a contoured surface.

17. (Withdrawn) The rod hanger of claim 13, wherein said at least one anti-rotation element has a generally pointed shape.

18. (Withdrawn) The rod hanger of claim 13, wherein said mounting portion has a plurality of corners, and wherein said at least one anti-rotation element comprises at least four anti-rotation elements each configured in a generally rectangular shape and forming a raised edge at each of said corners of the mounting portion.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Withdrawn) The rod hanger of claim 13, wherein said mounting portion has a plurality of corners and wherein said at least one anti-rotation element is configured in a generally rectangular shape and is formed from an upturned edge at each of said plurality of corners of said mounting portion.

21. (Withdrawn) The rod hanger of claim 20 wherein top surfaces of said at least one upturned edge are one of flat and pointed.

22. (Canceled)

23. (Currently Amended) The rod hanger of claim 1 wherein each of said at least four ~~plurality of~~ anti-rotation elements is uniformly spaced from said hole.

24. (Currently Amended) The rod hanger of claim 1 wherein said ~~mounting portion defines a plane, said hole being coincident along said plane and having a radius, and wherein said~~ at least four ~~plurality of~~ anti-rotation elements are uniformly spaced along said plane in a radial direction from said hole.

25. (Currently Amended) The rod hanger of claim 1 ~~wherein said mounting portion defines a plane, and wherein said~~ at least four ~~plurality of~~ anti-rotation elements are disposed along said plane and have an angular orientation of about 90° to said plane.

26. (Currently Amended) The rod hanger of claim 1 wherein said mounting portion defines a plane, said hole ~~being coincident along said plane and defining~~ defines a circumference of 360°, and wherein said at least four ~~plurality of~~ anti-rotation elements ~~comprise four anti-rotation elements~~ are disposed along said plane uniformly from said hole and spaced from one another by about 90° along the circumference of said hole.

27. (Canceled)

28. (Canceled)

29. (Canceled)

30. (New) The rod hanger of claim 1 wherein said at least four anti-rotation members are configured for penetrating the substrate.